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Colorado Trends

The State's economy turned in another good performance as a sizable increase in the number of employed coupled with a small rise in unemployment left the August jobless rate steady at 5.0 percent.

Colorado's adjusted unemployment rate has not moved more than two-tenths of a percentage point from the 5.0 mark since February of this year indicating a marked degree of stability in current economic conditions. The strength of the State's economy is apparent when it is noted that during this same period of time nearly 32,000 Coloradans entered the labor market in search of work.

Colorado's present jobless rate is much improved from one year ago when 6.2 percent of the labor force were unemployed.

The number of jobless edged upward by a seasonally adjusted 1,100 during August to reach 87,000. That is the highest level achieved in the past six months, but still a substantial 17,200 below August 1983.

Employment growth continued to be very encouraging during August as 6,100 additional workers found jobs. This marks the third month in a row that a good gain was recorded in the number of jobholders and pushes total adjusted employment in the State to a record 1,640,900.

Colorado employment is currently a substantial 64,500 ahead of the August 1983 level.

Generally stable labor market conditions were apparent for the nation as a whole during August as the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were both unchanged after seasonal adjustment. A total of 8.5 million Americans were unemployed and the jobless rate was 7.5 percent, the same as had prevailed in two of the three prior months. At the same time, employment in the U.S. was down by 425,000 to 105 million. According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the entire decline occurred among youth under the age of 25 many of whom voluntarily forfeited summertime jobs to return to school. On a more positive note, the average duration of unemployment fell from 18.1 weeks in July to 17.3 weeks in August.

Only three Colorado industries recorded job losses during the current period. Agriculture experienced its usual mid-summer slowdown, losing 3,000 workers. Heavy summer rains have done some damage to the State's hay industry. An excellent apple crop is expected, but the harvest will be somewhat delayed due to cold weather early in the growing season. Government employment fell 1,700 with the bulk of that loss coming in state education. Finally, a small decline of 700 appeared in transporta-

tion and public utilities. Weakness in the communications sector together with a loss of 300 rail and air transportation workers were responsible for the downturn.

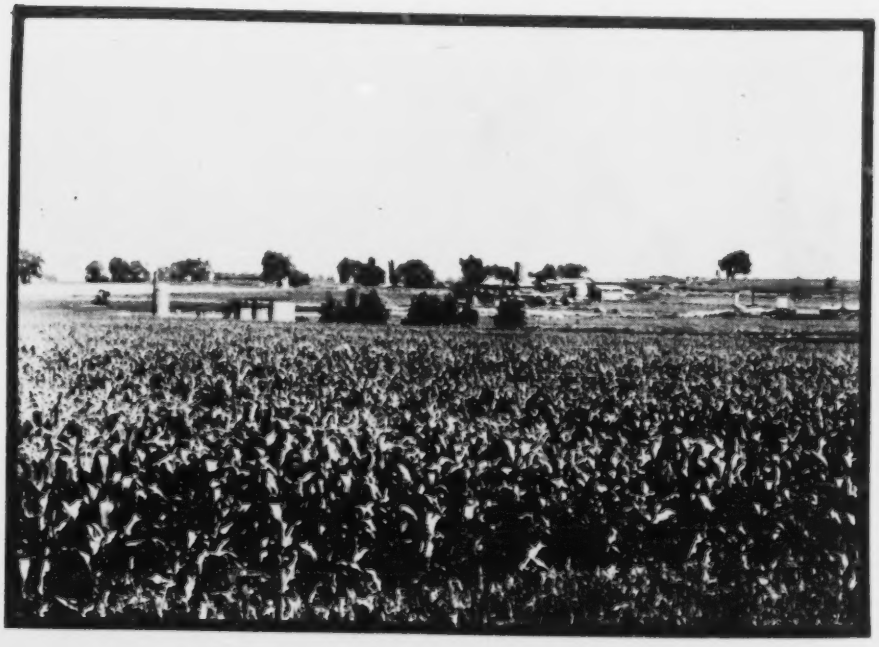
Most Colorado industries registered job gains in August with the largest increases coming in services (up 3,000), trade (up 2,600) and manufacturing (up 1,900). Summer tourism usually helps spur employment in both trade and services during this time of year, but the current growth has been better than expected.

The upturn in manufacturing came largely as a result of the seasonal hiring of 600 food and kindred products workers together with better conditions in the primary and fabricated metals and non-electrical machinery sectors (each up by 400).

These three industries have also been the most dynamic over the past year. Since August 1983, 11,300 jobs have been added in services with the bulk of the increase coming in business services (up 5,600). Trade is up by 9,900 with over a third of the new workers accounted for in eating and drinking places. And manufacturing has added 9,200 jobs, mostly in the durable goods sectors.

Employment in the State's construction industry reached a record 89,900 during August, but some signs of slowing are becoming apparent. The current gain of 600 construction workers was less than half the increase normally expected during this high growth time of year. In fact, hiring during the past three months has failed to keep pace with seasonal norms. The completion and near-completion of a number of large-scale projects together with a slowdown in home building due to high mortgage interest rates has contributed to the present lackluster job growth.

Overall, the Colorado economy has performed very well during the first eight months of 1984 and generally positive conditions are expected to prevail during the remainder of the year. Seasonal changes can be anticipated in some industries as colder weather begins.



Nearly 47,000 Coloradans were employed in agriculture during August. Less than half that number will remain by next January as this highly seasonal industry scales down to its winter work force.

DENVER METRO AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED IN AUGUST

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER-BOULDER LMA showed no change in August, remaining at the July level of 4.2 percent. Since March of this year the jobless rate in the Denver Area has not varied by more than one-tenth of one percent from this level in any one month. The recent stability in the area's unemployment rate suggests that any near term improvement in the unemployment barometer will be hard to come by. The rate, which peaked in October 1982, fell swiftly throughout all of 1983 and into early 1984. It stood at 5.3 percent last August. The number of jobless workers in the Metro Area totaled 44,100 during the month, up 300 from July but some 8,900 below the August 1983 level.

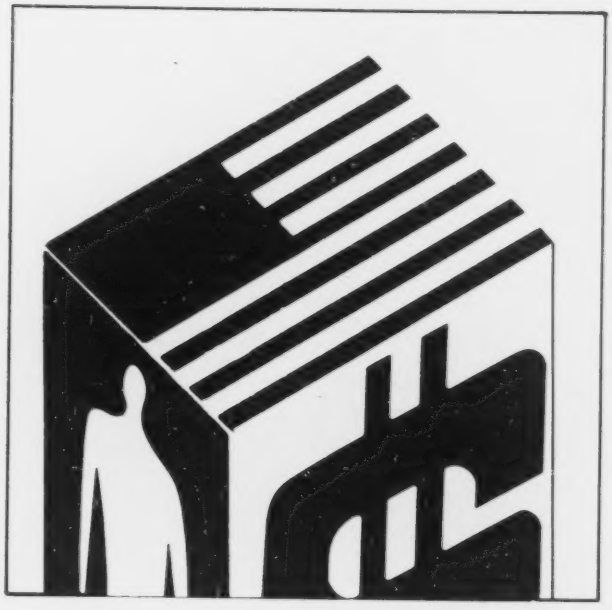
Seasonally adjusted total employment in the Denver Area climbed a healthy 6,100 persons in August to a record level 995,000 with increases in employment averaging 6,700 over the past three months. Employment growth for the remainder of 1984 probably will settle down to a slightly more normal growth pattern. Employment grew at an annual rate of more than 8 percent in the June-August period while growth over the past year is just above 4 percent.

The services sector enjoyed exceptional growth in August, adding 3,100 workers over the month. Three of every four new jobs garnered in Denver industries over the past month came in services. Business services gained 2,100 behind strong hiring activity.

High interest rates and rising office vacancy rates are beginning to affect the construction sector. The number of jobs in the industry on a seasonally adjusted basis has fallen by 3,300 since May.

Catching the Ride on the 16th Street Mall

EIGHT NEW LABOR SURPLUS AREAS IN COLORADO



The U.S. Department of Labor has classified eight additional high unemployment areas in Colorado as eligible for federal procurement preference during the period October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985. Employers located in these designated areas are eligible for preference in federal contract bids if they agree to perform at least 51 percent of the contract work within such areas. The purpose of this preference is to put government dollars in areas where people are in most severe economic need.

Labor surplus classifications are based on an average of each area's unemployment rate for the previous two calendar years. The reference period used for the just announced list was 1982 and 1983. To be included as a labor surplus area, an area must have an average unemployment rate of at least 10.0 percent during the two-year period.

In certain situations, the U.S. Department of Labor can waive the above criteria and classify areas under the exceptional circumstances provision. This permits the classification of areas which are encountering a significant rise in unemployment that is not temporary or seasonal and was not adequately reflected in the data for the two-year reference period. Natural disasters, plant closings, contract cancellations, and other unforseen circumstances that have a substantial impact on the locality's unemployment are targeted by this provision.

This year, a total of 23 Colorado jurisdictions were marked for procurement preference compared to 15 in the prior round. Colorado areas designated for the current eligibility year are:

Archuleta County
Chaffee County
Clear Creek County
Conejos County
Costilla County
* Delta County
* Eagle County
* Fremont County
* Garfield County
Lake County
Las Animas County
Mesa County
* Mineral County
Moffat County
* Montezuma County
Montrose County
* Otero County
Ouray County
Park County
Pueblo City
Balance of Pueblo County
Saguache County
* San Juan County

* Newly designated Area

Inquiries about the classification of labor surplus areas should be directed to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (TEEPA), 601 "D" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20213. Information on Colorado areas can also be obtained from the Labor Market Information Section of the Colorado Division of Employment and Training in Denver--telephone 866-6326.

The Colorado Business Composite

The State's index of leading economic indicators fell back in August for the second straight month. The Colorado Business Composite (CBC) dropped by six-tenths of one percent to 153.1. If it was not for the prolific surge in stock prices which took place over the month, the CBC would have finished markedly lower as the remaining five indicators comprising the index all declined. Despite the CBC's setbacks of the last two months the index's behavior over the past year would point to a continuation in the trend toward moderating economic growth rather than a developing new recession. The index is behaving much like it did in 1976. After a year of explosive growth, the CBC leveled off before resuming its upward course the latter part of the year.

Big Board stocks staged an impressive rally during August and this has broad implications for the future direction of the CBC over the next several months. *The market moved up when investors perceived that interest rates would not go higher and that inflation was remaining under control.* The implication is that economic growth will continue throughout 1985, after a brief slowdown, and that a recession will occur no earlier than 1986. *Look for the CBC's other indicators to reflect this change in economic sentiment soon.*

Before the August rally the Colorado stock market index had dipped in nine of the past thirteen months and its July level of 234.53 was more than 20 percent below its June 1983 high of 294.88. This sizable correction preceded the August gain. The index then soared nearly 11 percent in August to 260.21, coming close to matching the 12 percent jump in the index which occurred in August 1982, the beginning of an extended rise in stock prices.

COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE[1]

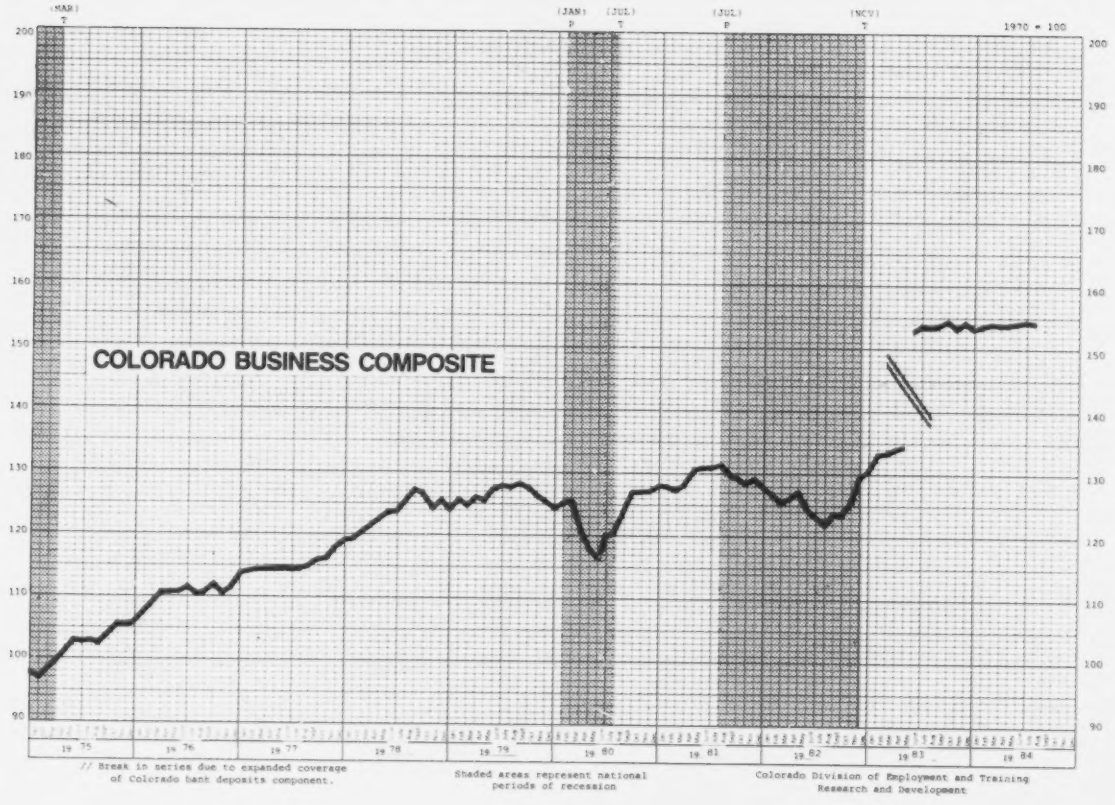
ANNUAL AVERAGE 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1975 . . .	97.0	98.5	99.5	101.2	103.0	102.9	103.0	102.6	104.1	105.4	105.3	105.9	102.4
1976 . . .	107.4	109.2	110.9	111.0	110.9	111.6	110.6	110.9	112.0	110.6	111.8	113.8	110.9
1977 . . .	114.2	114.6	114.5	114.6	114.8	114.4	114.7	115.2	116.1	116.2	118.1	119.2	115.6
1978 . . .	119.4	120.4	121.6	122.9	123.8	123.9	125.6	127.2	126.6	124.0	125.6	124.0	123.8
1979 . . .	125.4	124.7	126.1	125.7	127.5	127.9	127.9	128.3	127.5	126.0	125.3	124.3	126.4
1980 . . .	125.2	125.6	120.8	117.9	116.4	120.1	120.3	123.9	127.2	127.1	127.2	128.1	123.3
1981 . . .	128.0	127.3	128.5	130.7	131.1	131.1	131.3	129.9	129.3	128.8	129.3	127.9	129.4
1982 . . .	126.3	125.5	126.7	127.2	124.5	123.3	122.0	123.9	123.4	125.7	129.5	130.8	125.7
1983 . . .	133.2	133.5	134.2	134.7	152.9[2]	153.9	153.6	153.8	154.4	152.9	154.4	153.0	147.0
1984 . . .	153.7	154.1	153.9	153.9	154.2	154.5	154.0	153.1					

Over the Month Percent Change

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1975 . . .	- 0.6	1.5	1.0	1.7	1.8	- 0.1	0.1	- 0.4	1.5	1.2	- 0.1	0.6	8.2
1976 . . .	1.4	1.7	1.6	0.1	- 0.1	0.6	- 0.9	0.3	1.0	- 1.3	1.1	1.8	7.3
1977 . . .	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	0.1	0.2	- 0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	1.6	0.9	4.8
1978 . . .	0.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.1	1.4	1.3	- 0.5	- 2.1	1.3	- 1.3	4.0
1979 . . .	1.1	- 0.6	1.1	- 0.3	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	- 0.6	- 1.2	- 0.6	- 0.8	0.1
1980 . . .	0.7	0.3	- 3.8	- 2.4	- 1.3	3.2	0.2	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	0.1	0.7	3.3
1981 . . .	- 0.1	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 0.4	0.4	- 1.1	0.8
1982 . . .	- 1.3	- 0.6	1.0	0.4	- 2.1	- 1.0	- 1.1	1.6	- 0.4	1.9	3.0	1.0	2.4
1983 . . .	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.6	0.7	- 0.2	0.1	0.4	- 1.0	1.0	- 0.9	4.6
1984 . . .	0.5	0.3	- 0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	- 0.3	- 0.6					

1/ For a detailed explanation of the CBC, see the technical report by authors Larson and Wojahn in the July 1983 issue of the Colorado Labor Force Review, Vol. XX, No. 7.
2/ Break in series due to expanded coverage of Colorado bank deposits component.


COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE
1970 = 100
// Break in series due to expanded coverage of Colorado bank deposits component.
Shaded areas represent national periods of recession
Colorado Division of Employment and Training Research and Development

As mentioned previously, all other indicators were down over the month. Statewide private housing permits fell a substantial 42 percent in August to 1,976. In fact, the number of units issued was the lowest since the 1,946 authorized in May 1982 during the 1981-82 recession. Home sales continued to slide in September along with mortgage applications. Evidence suggests that much of the pent-up demand for housing has been satisfied. A further drop in interest rates to about 13 percent, however, could reignite demand.

The series on average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance in the State showed a decline in August. Weekly claims rose 13 percent over the month (negative movement for purposes of the CBC) to 3,013 from 2,657 in July. The jump brings the number of claims almost back to their May level of 3,052.

Also falling over the month were Colorado bank deposits, the Colorado net business formation index and the percent change in sensitive materials prices at the national level. Inflation adjusted deposits at Colorado banking institutions dropped 1 percent to $10.952 billion in August from $11.072 billion in July. The net business formation index in the State fell 2 percent to 325.27 from 331.64 with an over 15 percent decline occurring in the net business telephone line portion of the index. Finally, the percent change in U.S. sensitive materials prices decreased to - 1.05% from - 0.64% over the month, the lowest level since January 1982. The trough of the 1981-82 recession was experienced one month earlier in December 1981, when the percent change was - 1.50%.

DATA SERIES FOR LEADING INDICATORS COMPRISING THE COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE

1.COLORADO AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1975	3,327	3,278	3,133	3,034	3,263	3,276	3,444	3,330	3,173	3,246	3,230	3,314	3,254
1976	3,286	2,901	2,912	2,677	2,840	2,940	2,923	2,986	3,218	3,391	3,058	3,058	3,109
1977	3,185	3,416	3,453	3,354	3,131	3,258	3,274	3,240	3,124	2,957	3,022	2,763	3,181
1978	2,849	2,923	2,830	2,626	2,576	2,481	2,382	2,522	2,564	2,590	2,540	3,124	2,667
1979	2,746	2,633	2,618	3,364	2,372	2,433	2,544	2,504	2,468	2,513	2,689	3,333	2,685
1980	2,930	2,825	3,087	3,738	3,800	3,817	3,764	3,572	3,612	3,532	3,580	3,588	3,487
1981	3,308	3,377	3,535	2,989	3,432	3,275	3,185	3,300	3,126	3,225	3,401	3,277	3,278
1982	3,903	3,589	3,600	3,258	3,884	4,500	4,770	4,999	5,701	5,766	5,270	4,446	4,474
1983	4,484	4,628	4,860	4,691	4,303	4,625	3,657	4,064	4,016	4,227	3,665	4,216	4,286
1984	4,165	3,320	3,661	3,022	3,052	2,682	2,657	3,013					

2.COLORADO STOCK MARKET INDEX* (30 Regional Firms); 1970 = 100 --Adjusted for stock splits and dividends--

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1975	87.54	98.86	97.37	102.63	108.95	113.51	109.12	105.09	102.98	105.44	105.26	105.96	103.14
1976	116.84	120.53	126.49	123.16	120.88	123.16	120.53	119.82	124.04	121.23	123.33	130.70	122.56
1977	128.25	125.44	124.74	127.37	125.96	128.42	128.77	126.32	126.49	120.18	125.09	127.72	126.23
1978	121.05	122.81	128.07	138.42	142.46	141.23	154.39	166.84	162.28	135.26	141.40	144.39	141.55
1979	154.69	146.53	155.73	161.28	157.12	165.80	169.24	178.91	175.22	156.41	172.93	177.86	164.31
1980	189.46	185.59	160.98	166.43	178.91	188.72	204.15	210.45	218.91	224.38	224.78	235.06	200.65
1981	222.13	224.88	247.66	253.47	255.74	253.15	246.04	131.02	215.51	231.18	234.89	222.13	236.48
1982	218.26	207.70	195.44	200.40	196.22	182.11	170.38	190.66	198.41	219.28	245.73	239.76	205.36
1983	244.67	252.05	255.74	267.62	278.69	294.88	285.04	276.02	278.07	266.81	275.53	270.64	270.48
1984	259.36	250.43	241.49	241.70	231.37	238.74	234.53	260.21					

3.COLORADO BANK DEPOSITS, 1972 DOLLARS (In Millions)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1975	4,138	4,127	4,189	4,220	4,277	4,227	4,187	4,168	4,112	4,155	4,193	4,224	4,185
1976	4,196	4,177	4,365	4,260	4,266	4,388	4,266	4,333	4,380	4,403	4,448	4,443	4,327
1977	4,468	4,552	4,565	4,556	4,541	4,567	4,578	4,681	4,586	4,589	4,708	4,801	4,599
1978	4,756	4,876	4,840	4,833	5,059	4,937	5,026	5,027	5,070	5,072	5,036	5,008	4,961
1979	5,119	5,022	5,019	5,038	5,069	5,077	5,072	5,043	5,038	5,052	4,908	4,897	5,030
1980	4,898	4,828	4,817	4,783	4,721	4,666	4,698	4,685	4,723	4,780	4,885	4,787	4,773
1981	4,797	4,738	4,711	4,748	4,714	4,723	4,721	4,801	4,739	4,690	4,700	4,756	4,737
1982	4,768	4,806	4,919	4,890	4,917	4,920	4,850	4,887	4,894	4,991	5,133	5,251	4,936
1983	5,395	5,463	5,549	5,473	10,241[a]	10,487	10,501	10,439	10,341	10,523	10,453	10,468	8,778
1984	10,741	10,898	11,441	10,885	11,129	11,017	11,072	10,952					

4.STATEWIDE PRIVATE HOUSING PERMITS (In Units)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1975	1,059	983	1,419	1,494	1,458	1,505	1,671	1,504	1,697	1,586	1,415	1,362	17,153
1976	1,549	1,850	1,733	1,884	1,840	2,085	1,897	1,937	2,163	1,823	2,593	2,545	23,898
1977	2,907	2,976	2,642	2,514	3,232	3,046	3,282	2,786	2,972	3,130	3,249	3,445	36,181
1978	3,779	3,438	4,075	3,905	3,184	3,352	3,203	3,751	3,274	3,022	4,217	3,412	42,611
1979	3,070	3,420	3,473	3,305	3,609	3,359	3,208[b]	3,130	2,821	2,997	2,325	2,483	37,199
1980	2,105	2,451	1,554	1,151	1,016	2,611	1,916	2,654	3,506	2,508	2,399	2,483	26,353
1981	2,638	2,221	2,497	2,586	2,816	2,237	2,331	1,780	2,100	1,743	2,083	1,826	26,856
1982	1,787	1,541	2,238	2,409	1,946	2,407	2,528	2,311	2,377	3,127	4,334	3,407	30,411
1983	4,480	4,157	3,619	3,323	5,059	4,914	3,452	4,833	5,266	3,408	3,782	3,611	49,904
1984	5,106	4,907	4,789	3,277	4,635	4,056	3,421	1,976					

5.COLORADO NET BUSINESS FORMATION INDEX 1/; 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1975	110.53	108.69	101.67	100.97	104.67	101.90	110.20	113.43[c]	120.93	124.63	127.77	137.81	113.60
1976	136.24	138.66	139.44	146.48	149.00	145.90	147.64	147.78	153.18	151.72	156.97	161.48	147.87
1977	162.73	165.75	167.41	165.88	162.28	164.04	167.91	172.75	179.71	183.29	198.90	200.22	174.24
1978	210.82	214.48	219.39	228.25	229.04	235.85	233.29	239.42	239.11	239.29	238.69	237.03	230.39
1979	233.87	232.88	236.61	241.66	242.60	250.62	259.14	259.23	256.40	251.05	250.39	243.43	246.49
1980	245.25	243.94	238.81	237.70	231.88	227.46	220.03	222.65	231.38	240.85	241.30	258.75	236.67
1981	262.03	270.61	273.79	279.32	294.96	304.84	313.53	312.80	311.79	307.75	310.37	295.04	294.74
1982	283.10	271.63	273.09	268.78	252.56	250.61	251.01	263.62	255.94	250.31	251.04	261.08	261.06
1983	276.45	268.51	271.42	283.13	290.69	299.37	297.69	303.40	316.28	309.10	322.36	307.73	295.51
1984	310.60	312.79	309.24	331.40	328.53	333.02	331.64	325.27					

6.CHANGE IN SENSITIVE MATERIALS PRICES (U.S. PPI Less Petroleum & Agricultural Products), SMOOTHED DATA 2/(percent)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1975	- 3.28	- 2.67	- 1.58	- 0.29	0.54	0.42	- 0.26	- 0.41	0.62	1.50	1.08	0.46	- 3.87
1976	0.72	1.34	1.66	1.81	1.69	1.35	1.40	1.44	1.12	0.29	- 0.18	- 0.18	12.82
1977	0.49	0.77	1.04	1.11	0.65	- 0.45	- 1.07	- 0.47	0.57	0.98	0.43	0.28	4.33
1978	1.00	1.70	1.57	0.90	0.58	0.89	1.18	1.31	1.30	1.44	1.81	1.59	15.27
1979	1.12	0.97	1.72	2.36	1.91	1.10	0.46	0.19	- 0.06	0.14	0.42	0.20	10.53
1980	0.01	0.38	0.78	- 0.27	- 2.18	- 3.06	- 1.79	0.57	1.96	1.90	1.30	0.79	0.39
1981	0.16	- 0.80	- 1.15	- 0.52	0.17	0.23	- 0.18	- 0.36	- 0.61	- 1.00	- 1.40	- 1.50	- 6.96
1982	- 1.11	- 0.71	- 0.53	- 0.76	- 0.89	- 0.85	- 0.68	- 0.61	- 0.53	- 0.40	- 0.48	- 0.50	- 8.05
1983	- 0.16	0.92	1.96	2.03	1.36	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.93	0.69	0.71	0.72	12.10
1984	0.77	0.40	0.34	0.39	0.27	- 0.12	- 0.64	- 1.05					

NOTE: Data series are seasonally adjusted except for those series that appear to contain no seasonal movement. Unadjusted series are indicated by an *. Data is provided for a ten year period. Prior data to 1970 can be obtained by contacting Area Labor Information, Colorado Division of Employment and Training.

1/ Data on net business incorporations and net business telephones make up the net business formation index. Data is smoothed by a 6-month moving average. Weights were derived to equalize the differences in the average monthly percentage changes among the two series in order to minimize dominance by the more volatile series when combined. 2/ This series is a weighted 4-term moving average (with weights 1, 2, 2, 1) placed on the terminal month of the span. a/Break in series. Coverage expanded from Federal Reserve member banks to all depository institutions. b/ Additional reporters. c/ Series on net business telephone lines expanded to include data for equipment owned by customers but serviced by US West.

Sources; Unemployment Insurance Section, Colorado Division of Employment & Training; Daily Stock Quotations; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Building Permits Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Office of the Secretary of State; US West; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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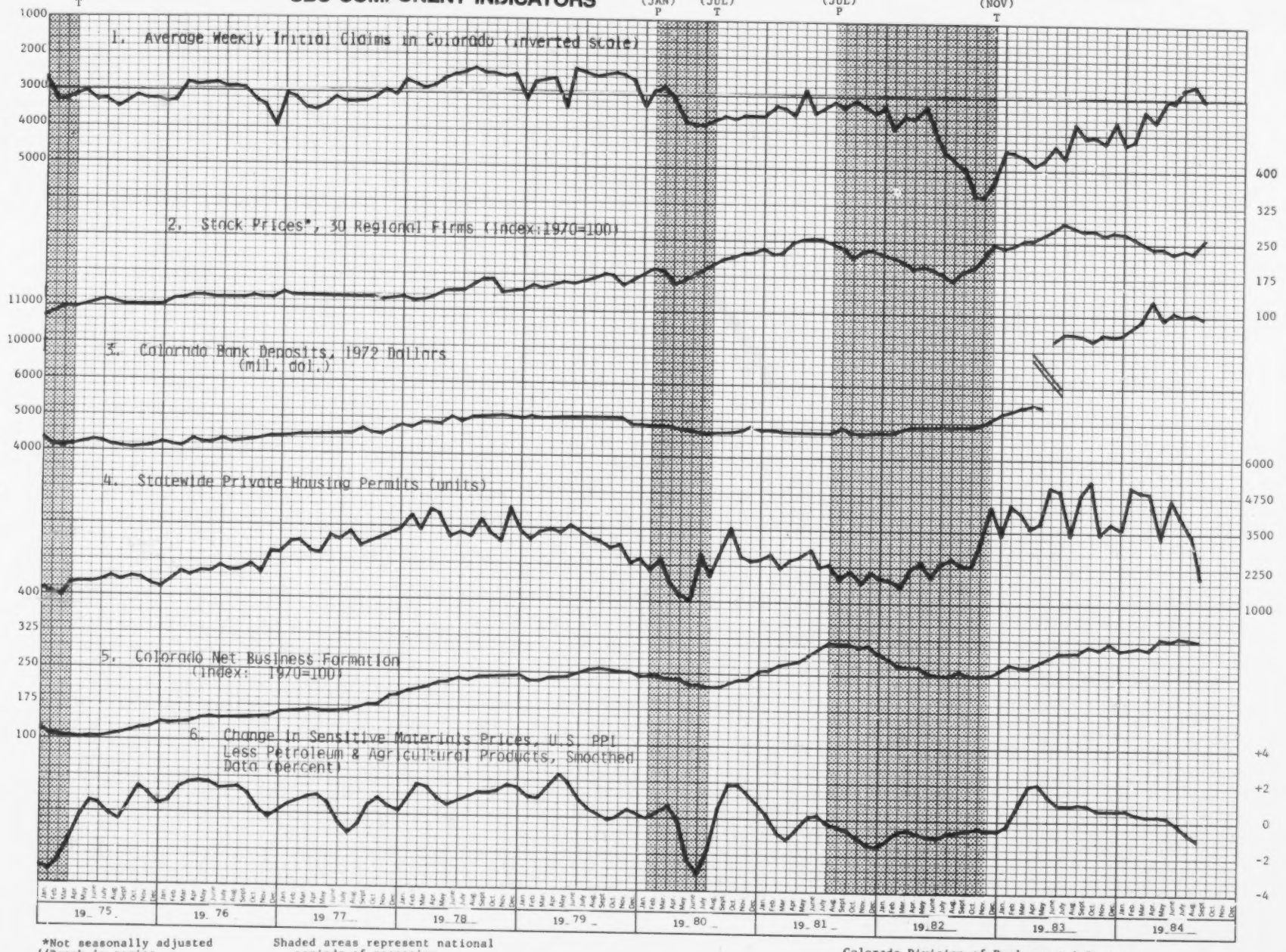

*Not seasonally adjusted
//Break in series

Shaded areas represent national periods of recession

Colorado Division of Employment & Training
Research & Development

Colorado Insured Unemployment

Insured unemployment dropped by over 27 percent during the third quarter 1984 to reach the lowest level recorded since the present data series was begun in 1981. Much of the current downturn is due to seasonal influences as construction projects and other outdoor activities get into full swing. In the third quarter last year insured joblessness experienced a drop of nearly 21 percent.

The present level of unemployment, however, is over 37 percent below the mark reached one year ago reflecting stronger economic conditions. Annual declines in the number of jobless are being reported across all industry and occupational groups. Mining and manufacturing show the greatest improvement with downturns of 59 and 50 percent, respectively. The reopening of a number of mines that had been closed for some time due to weak demand and low mineral prices accounted for the improved jobless picture in the mining industry. Better conditions in the primary and fabricated metals sector produced much of the unemployment decline in manufacturing.

During the third quarter 1984, the bulk of insured unemployment was concentrated in the services (28 percent) and trade (21 percent) industries. That is a shift from the second quarter when construction accounted for 24 percent of unemployment followed by services with 21 percent and trade with 20.

All industries recorded declines in jobless levels during the current period, but the most rapid drops appeared in construction (down 51 percent) and mining (down 40 percent). The fall off in construction was actually somewhat better than the seasonal norm for the industry. The bulk of the decline in joblessness came in the special trade contractors sector which picked up steam as finishing work began on some major building projects in the State.

Much of the decline in mining unemployment was registered in oil and gas where low prices and abundant supplies have hobbled development for some time. The current improvement is welcome, but a portion of it is probably due to workers exhausting their benefits and/or finding jobs in other industries.

Females accounted for 51 percent of insured unemployment in professional, technical and managerial occupations during the third quarter 1984.

The only occupational category to record more joblessness in the third quarter of the year than the second was professional, technical and managerial. Unemployment among that group grew by just under one percent. The small upturn was due largely to seasonal cut-

backs in education employment associated with the ending of the school year.

Structural work occupations made up the lion's share of insured unemployment during the second quarter of this year, accounting for almost 26 percent of total. During the current period, this segment was in second place with 18 percent and professional, technical and managerial dominated with nearly 22 percent of all insured unemployment.

Declines in joblessness cut across all age groups in the current quarter. The most improvement was recorded by those 22 through 24, down over 32 percent. The 21 and under segment registered the most substantial annual improvement with a drop of over 51 percent. As is usual, the bulk of the unemployed (nearly 38 percent in the third quarter) fell into the 25-34 years-of-age category.

Looking at length of unemployment, those jobless for two weeks or less made up the largest portion in the current period (nearly 23 percent). All duration categories recorded declines both from the last quarter and last year. As the economy has gotten stronger, finding a job has become easier. The long term unemployed (those jobless for over 14 weeks) have been recording the biggest drops, down 37 percent over the quarter and down 48 percent from one year ago.

The female share of total insured unemployment, which has been climbing since the first of the year in keeping with its usual seasonal pattern, reached over 45 percent during the present period. The levels of both male and female joblessness dropped in the third quarter but the male portion plummeted by 38 percent compared to only a seven percent drop for females.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COLORADO INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1/]

	TOTAL			PERCENT DISTRIBUTION		
INDUSTRY	3rd Qtr.'84	2nd Qtr.'84	3rd Qtr.'83	3rd Qtr.'84	2nd Qtr.'84	3rd Qtr.'83
TOTAL	15,533	21,376	24,732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	709	1,185	1,744	4.6	5.5	7.1
Construction	2,504	5,067	4,755	16.1	23.7	19.2
Manufacturing	2,268	3,285	4,532	14.6	15.4	18.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	803	1,072	1,079	5.2	5.0	4.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,295	4,231	4,944	21.2	19.8	20.0
Finance	847	965	1,092	5.5	4.5	4.4
Services (& Farm)	4,325	4,514	5,540	27.8	21.1	22.4
Other	782	1,057	1,046	5.0	4.9	4.2
OCCUPATION						
TOTAL	15,533	21,376	24,732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	3,370	3,341	4,615	21.7	15.6	18.7
Clerical	2,608	2,813	3,373	16.8	13.2	13.6
Sales	804	910	1,137	5.2	4.3	4.6
Services	1,567	2,030	2,051	10.1	9.5	8.3
Processing	746	971	1,396	4.8	4.5	5.6
Machine Trade	541	725	1,145	3.5	3.4	4.6
Benchwork	474	645	751	3.1	3.0	3.0
Structural Work	2,799	5,444	5,424	18.1	25.5	21.9
Misc. (Farm)	2,624	4,497	4,840	16.9	21.0	19.6
AGE						
TOTAL	15,533	21,376	24,732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 22	534	770	1,093	3.4	3.6	4.4
22-24	1,196	1,768	2,148	7.7	8.3	8.7
25-34	5,886	8,598	9,844	37.9	40.2	39.8
35-44	4,042	5,389	5,883	26.0	25.2	23.8
45-54	2,339	2,897	3,453	15.1	13.6	14.0
55-64	1,391	1,789	2,066	9.0	8.4	8.4
65 & Over	93	126	173	0.6	0.6	0.7
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED						
TOTAL	15,533	21,376	24,732	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-2	3,546	5,259	4,959	22.8	24.6	20.1
3-4	2,536	3,222	3,611	16.3	15.1	14.6
5-8	3,404	4,212	5,696	21.9	19.7	23.0
9-14	3,331	4,352	5,276	21.4	20.4	21.3
15-19	1,448	2,601	2,691	9.3	12.2	10.9
20 & Over	1,262	1,726	2,491	8.1	8.1	10.1
SEX						
TOTAL	15,533	21,376	24,732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	8,514	13,828	15,654	54.8	64.7	63.3
Female	7,013	7,545	9,070	45.1	35.3	36.7

1/ The characteristics of the insured unemployed are gathered during the survey week of the mid-month of each calendar quarter. These unemployed claimants filing for, or receiving, unemployment benefits represent only one segment of the total estimated number of unemployed.
Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
THIRD QUARTER, 1984

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	13	200	187	346	138	622	230	1405	111	118	3370
CLERICAL	30	103	107	282	188	609	337	803	89	62	2608
SALES	4	9	25	88	44	440	51	109	4	30	804
SERVICES	16	13	28	76	48	558	57	694	25	52	1567
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	25	3	2	9	2	5	1	13	4	4	68
PROCESSING	141	15	72	337	13	97	5	48	7	11	746
MACHINE	4	16	60	206	49	102	5	79	2	18	541
BENCHWORK	3	2	19	297	9	84	3	43	0	14	474
STRUCTURAL	13	107	1685	293	61	251	48	240	31	70	2799
MISCELLANEOUS	102	172	123	158	196	257	12	118	11	25	1174
NEC	46	69	196	176	57	270	98	376	37	57	1382
TOTAL	397	709	2504	2268	803	3395	847	3928	321	461	15533

STATE OF COLORADO
FEMALE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	7	76	41	114	51	269	147	908	54	50	1717
CLERICAL	25	89	85	206	144	493	301	703	68	50	2164
SALES	2	4	7	29	20	211	27	59	2	14	375
SERVICES	8	9	16	31	32	381	34	488	12	27	1038
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	5	2	1	2	1	1	0	7	0	3	22
PROCESSING	128	6	3	61	3	45	1	17	1	4	269
MACHINE	2	1	2	42	28	15	0	10	0	0	100
BENCHWORK	3	1	6	203	4	48	3	22	0	9	299
STRUCTURAL	0	5	74	35	5	34	7	38	3	9	210
MISCELLANEOUS	12	5	4	33	39	51	4	30	1	3	182
NEC	24	18	23	64	28	132	60	244	15	21	629
TOTAL	216	216	262	820	355	1680	584	2526	156	190	7005

STATE OF COLORADO
WHITE RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	12	186	172	303	113	545	202	1086	78	101	2799
CLERICAL	25	88	94	225	143	479	267	572	80	39	1992
SALES	4	9	21	77	37	383	45	93	2	26	697
SERVICES	6	4	21	40	31	428	38	417	18	35	1038
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	15	1	2	4	0	4	1	10	3	4	44
PROCESSING	15	11	48	170	10	48	4	32	3	6	347
MACHINE	3	12	54	161	42	79	3	61	2	13	430
BENCHWORK	2	1	15	202	7	58	1	35	0	10	331
STRUCTURAL	7	87	1294	189	51	191	37	170	21	40	2087
MISCELLANEOUS	16	137	87	116	162	172	9	76	6	17	798
NEC	12	49	142	101	44	194	66	258	24	39	930
TOTAL	117	585	1950	1589	640	2581	673	2810	218	330	11493

STATE OF COLORADO
BLACK RACE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	0	4	6	12	4	20	8	100	7	3	164
CLERICAL	2	7	0	14	12	30	32	44	7	10	158
SALES	0	0	1	3	1	11	3	7	1	0	27
SERVICES	0	1	1	3	10	21	3	68	1	6	114
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
PROCESSING	0	0	2	10	0	7	1	2	0	3	25
MACHINE	0	0	1	3	1	4	2	5	0	1	17
BENCHWORK	0	0	0	16	0	6	0	2	0	3	27
STRUCTURAL	0	0	43	18	0	13	1	11	1	5	92
MISCELLANEOUS	1	0	1	11	11	10	0	8	0	1	43
NEC	0	1	9	5	3	11	9	28	2	4	72
TOTAL	3	14	64	97	42	133	59	276	19	36	743

STATE OF COLORADO
HISPANIC CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	0	1	0	7	0	10	3	39	3	4	67
CLERICAL	0	1	1	12	8	25	5	47	3	1	103
SALES	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	4	1	3	17
SERVICES	0	1	2	5	0	27	5	47	1	2	90
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROCESSING	9	0	5	80	0	7	0	4	1	1	107
MACHINE	0	2	0	8	1	3	0	3	0	2	19
BENCHWORK	0	0	1	10	0	3	0	0	0	1	15
STRUCTURAL	0	2	67	24	1	8	0	11	2	5	120
MISCELLANEOUS	6	1	6	3	12	14	2	9	3	1	57
NEC	3	3	7	15	2	14	6	20	4	3	77
TOTAL	18	11	89	165	25	118	21	184	18	23	672

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL OTHER RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	1	9	9	25	21	48	17	180	22	10	342
CLERICAL	3	7	12	31	23	76	34	141	19	12	358
SALES	0	0	3	8	5	40	3	5	0	1	65
SERVICES	10	7	4	28	7	82	11	162	5	9	325
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	10	1	0	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	20
PROCESSING	117	4	17	77	3	35	0	10	3	1	267
MACHINE	1	2	5	34	5	16	0	10	0	2	75
BENCHWORK	1	1	3	70	2	17	2	6	0	0	102
STRUCTURAL	6	19	281	62	9	39	10	48	7	20	501
MISCELLANEOUS	79	35	30	28	12	61	1	26	2	6	280
NEC	31	16	38	54	8	51	17	70	7	11	303
TOTAL	258	101	402	420	97	466	95	660	66	72	2638

*HISPANIC CLAIMANTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE WHITE RACE COUNTS.
ALL OTHER RACES CATEGORY EXCLUDES WHITE AND BLACK RACES AND HISPANIC CLAIMANTS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
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STATE OF COLORADO
INTERSTATE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	4	29	25	38	33	40	21	161	12	6	369
CLERICAL	10	8	8	52	23	56	42	111	8	10	328
SALES	0	2	2	13	8	40	4	12	0	2	83
SERVICES	2	4	0	12	8	29	2	73	0	6	136
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	8
PROCESSING	2	2	2	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	27
MACHINE	0	4	12	21	4	4	0	6	0	4	55
BENCHWORK	2	0	0	44	4	4	2	2	0	0	58
STRUCTURAL	0	13	104	27	12	4	4	25	0	6	195
MISCELLANEOUS	4	17	19	12	13	10	0	15	2	2	94
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	6
TOTAL	24	79	172	242	105	187	75	415	32	38	1359

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	61	151	738	599	176	694	168	770	72	117	3546
3-4 WEEKS	86	117	466	365	108	520	139	618	47	70	2536
5-8 WEEKS	141	151	536	471	197	659	196	887	68	98	3404
9-14 WEEKS	89	139	435	419	169	722	174	1017	75	92	3331
15-19 WEEKS	11	98	189	196	78	367	91	334	36	48	1448
20-99 WEEKS	9	53	139	218	73	332	78	302	23	35	1262
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	397	709	2503	2268	801	3294	846	3928	321	460	15527

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	32	17	59	72	25	169	23	117	5	15	534
22-24 YEARS	41	67	188	181	36	343	72	240	10	18	1196
25-34 YEARS	124	313	935	888	310	1220	350	1471	104	171	5886
35-44 YEARS	99	179	710	599	205	740	220	1048	109	133	4042
45-54 YEARS	64	84	356	354	138	471	131	612	57	72	2339
55-64 YEARS	32	46	235	163	83	327	48	385	31	41	1391
65-99 YEARS	5	2	12	5	3	16	2	41	4	3	93
NEC	0	1	8	5	3	8	1	13	1	8	48
TOTAL	397	709	2503	2267	803	3294	847	3927	321	461	15529

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	634	490	779	807	317	343	0	3370
CLERICAL	536	400	567	592	293	219	0	2607
SALES	163	133	146	190	76	96	0	804
SERVICES	328	242	339	397	140	120	0	1566
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	13	16	17	9	9	4	0	68
PROCESSING	173	150	201	136	47	40	0	747
MACHINE	134	81	120	114	56	35	0	540
BENCHWORK	125	88	79	82	53	46	0	473
STRUCTURAL	759	530	610	503	222	174	0	2798
MISCELLANEOUS	274	173	267	247	113	99	0	1173
NEC	408	233	279	254	122	86	0	1382
TOTAL	3547	2536	3404	3331	1448	1262	0	15528

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE								
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	33	143	1305	1023	567	282	13	5	3371
CLERICAL	121	239	971	677	361	219	11	7	2606
SALES	20	39	325	212	116	85	5	2	804
SERVICES	84	130	505	356	257	201	28	5	1566
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	4	9	32	13	8	2	0	0	68
PROCESSING	24	62	228	203	144	81	3	2	747
MACHINE	18	55	208	126	73	51	3	6	540
BENCHWORK	35	45	196	111	50	35	2	0	474
STRUCTURAL	79	238	1101	706	400	251	13	11	2799
MISCELLANEOUS	55	120	467	279	155	89	4	6	1175
NEC	62	118	547	336	208	96	11	4	1382
TOTAL	535	1198	5885	4042	2339	1392	93	48	15532

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

SEX	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
MALE	2169	1480	1873	1564	763	665	0	8514
FEMALE	1378	1056	1530	1767	685	597	0	7013
TOTAL	3547	2536	3403	3331	1448	1262	0	15527

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DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	4	169	126	251	103	415	151	907	49	78	2253
CLERICAL	4	79	55	164	110	332	192	416	43	33	1428
SALES	2	4	16	58	26	241	41	60	1	17	466
SERVICES	4	4	13	42	38	205	28	298	7	31	668
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	2	2	1	5	1	3	0	7	1	3	25
PROCESSING	1	6	51	98	9	48	4	35	3	6	261
MACHINE	1	6	17	102	10	52	3	34	0	9	234
BENCHWORK	0	1	10	126	8	49	1	20	0	8	223
STRUCTURAL	4	9	744	135	31	125	23	96	4	31	1203
MISCELLANEOUS	1	16	43	79	107	132	7	64	2	8	459
NEC	3	25	59	96	33	128	54	160	14	29	601
TOTAL	28	321	1135	1156	476	1730	503	2097	124	253	7821

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	415	308	531	538	215	245	0	2252
CLERICAL	288	218	328	304	166	123	0	1427
SALES	89	83	85	109	46	53	0	465
SERVICES	141	114	152	132	68	60	0	667
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	4	8	5	3	3	2	0	25
PROCESSING	60	51	59	49	28	14	0	261
MACHINE	67	34	58	39	25	11	0	234
BENCHWORK	49	45	42	42	23	22	0	223
STRUCTURAL	310	211	280	232	101	69	0	1203
MISCELLANEOUS	107	62	94	79	67	49	0	458
NEC	184	114	113	92	49	49	0	601
TOTAL	1714	1248	1747	1619	791	697	0	7816

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE								
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	17	108	893	687	356	183	6	4	2254
CLERICAL	57	120	527	386	202	129	3	5	1429
SALES	7	18	194	126	62	53	3	2	465
SERVICES	30	55	254	149	94	74	11	1	668
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	2	5	10	5	3	0	0	0	25
PROCESSING	11	32	109	52	24	32	1	0	261
MACHINE	10	21	83	59	34	23	1	3	234
BENCHWORK	12	23	97	47	23	20	1	0	223
STRUCTURAL	27	94	469	290	179	136	3	4	1202
MISCELLANEOUS	15	43	184	111	60	43	1	1	458
NEC	20	37	259	158	82	39	5	1	601
TOTAL	208	556	3079	2070	1119	732	35	21	7820

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	2253	321	107	148	57	134	349	3369
CLERICAL	1427	266	158	87	87	172	409	2606
SALES	465	88	52	40	25	36	99	805
SERVICES	667	165	117	107	40	82	389	1567
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	25	3	1	2	4	3	30	68
PROCESSING	261	12	197	15	38	2	222	747
MACHINE	233	70	29	31	8	77	93	541
BENCHWORK	223	99	14	36	40	7	56	475
STRUCTURAL	1202	242	149	184	112	236	674	2799
MISCELLANEOUS	457	83	69	25	47	105	389	1175
NEC	601	89	90	28	36	46	492	1382
TOTAL	7814	1438	983	703	494	900	3202	15534

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	207	56	55	14	27	28	145	532
22-24 YEARS	554	120	92	40	41	80	268	1195
25-34 YEARS	3078	536	351	283	169	334	1133	5884
35-44 YEARS	2069	359	241	182	119	249	822	4041
45-54 YEARS	1117	221	165	118	87	132	499	2339
55-64 YEARS	731	127	71	61	44	68	290	1392
65-99 YEARS	35	16	5	5	2	4	26	93
NEC	21	1	1	0	4	4	17	48
TOTAL	7812	1436	981	703	493	899	3200	15524

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	1714	369	274	174	137	171	707	3546
3-4 WEEKS	1246	249	171	113	86	143	527	2535
5-8 WEEKS	1747	303	201	140	92	187	734	3404
9-14 WEEKS	1618	290	189	163	97	237	736	3330
15-19 WEEKS	791	106	79	58	33	92	289	1448
20-99 WEEKS	697	119	66	55	48	69	208	1262
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7813	1436	980	703	493	899	3201	15525

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA*/

COLORADO

	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	MAY 1984	AUG 1983	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,727.9	1,720.7	1,701.9	1,680.6	7.2	26.0	47.3
Unemployment	87.0	85.9	84.4	104.2	1.1	2.6	- 17.2
Unemployment (%)	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	1,640.9	1,634.8	1,617.5	1,576.4	6.1	23.4	64.5
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	1,362.8	1,359.6	1,362.3	1,320.2	3.2	0.5	42.6
Mining	36.9	36.8	37.8	36.9	0.1	- 0.9	0.0
Contract Construction	83.8	84.9	87.8	81.8	- 0.9	- 4.0	2.0
Manufacturing	189.8	188.7	188.2	180.7	1.1	1.6	9.1
Durable Goods	124.0	122.8	122.1	116.8	1.2	1.9	7.2
Nondurable Goods	65.8	65.9	66.1	64.0	- 0.1	- 0.3	1.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	85.1	85.7	85.4	77.6	- 0.6	- 0.3	7.5
Trade	335.0	334.0	334.4	325.2	1.0	0.6	9.8
Wholesale	79.3	79.4	79.5	78.3	- 0.1	- 0.2	1.0
Retail	255.7	254.6	254.9	246.9	1.1	0.8	8.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	88.5	88.5	87.7	86.4	0.0	0.8	2.1
Services	298.7	296.2	298.3	287.6	2.5	0.4	11.1
Government	245.0	244.8	242.7	242.9	0.2	2.3	2.1
Federal	51.8	51.9	52.2	52.3	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 0.5
State	56.7	57.4	57.1	55.8	- 0.7	- 0.4	0.9
Local	136.5	135.5	133.4	134.6	1.0	3.1	1.9

DENVER-BOULDER LMA

	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	MAY 1984	AUG 1983	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,039.1	1,032.7	1,016.5	1,006.1	6.4	22.6	33.0
Unemployment	44.1	43.8	41.5	53.0	0.3	2.6	- 8.9
Unemployment (%)	4.2	4.2	4.1	5.3	---	---	---
Employment	995.0	988.9	975.0	953.1	6.1	20.0	41.9
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	884.2	879.0	878.9	852.1	5.2	5.3	32.1
Mining	25.0	24.9	25.2	26.0	0.1	- 0.2	- 1.0
Contract Construction	49.6	49.9	52.9	49.4	- 0.3	- 3.3	0.2
Manufacturing	130.7	129.8	128.4	123.7	0.9	2.3	7.0
Durable Goods	81.6	80.9	79.9	76.1	0.7	1.7	5.5
Nondurable Goods	49.1	48.9	48.5	47.6	0.2	0.6	1.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	62.8	63.3	62.8	56.6	- 0.5	0.0	6.2
Trade	212.8	212.0	212.0	207.0	0.8	0.8	5.8
Wholesale	60.8	60.8	60.9	60.1	0.0	- 0.1	0.7
Retail	152.0	151.2	151.1	146.9	0.8	0.9	5.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	63.6	63.6	62.9	62.0	0.0	0.7	1.6
Services	201.6	198.5	198.5	192.0	3.1	3.1	9.6
Government	138.1	137.0	136.2	135.5	1.1	1.9	2.6
Federal	33.3	33.5	33.5	33.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	0.0
State	33.2	33.2	32.3	31.5	0.0	0.9	1.8
Local	71.6	70.3	70.4	70.8	1.3	1.2	0.8

1/ Recurrent yearly movements in Colorado labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program.

2/ Detail may not add to totals because industry data series have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

	AUG 1984	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: 1 MONTH AGO	1 YEAR AGO
Food at Home (1967=100)	283.7	0.4	6.9
Cereals and Bakery Products	294.2	0.0	3.7
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	246.6	- 0.2	5.6
Dairy Products	266.9	0.6	2.5
Fruits and Vegetables	312.2	1.9	16.8
Other Food at Home	343.3	0.1	6.4

NOTE: The entire Consumer Price Index for the Denver Area including the All Items Index and all of its components is published every other month beginning each January. The Food at Home Index which is produced monthly and represented here is published during alternate months.

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri.

STATE OF COLORADO

DENVER-BOULDER LMA 1/

CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO	AUG 2/ 1984	(thousands) JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983		AUG 2/ 1984	(thousands) JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
- 400	48,900	1,742.8	1,743.2	1,693.9	TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	1,040.0	1,037.7	1,006.6	2,300	33,400
					(by place of residence)					
- 2,700	- 16,300	82.5	85.2	98.8	UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	42.7	43.3	51.3	- 600	- 8,600
---	---	4.7	4.9	5.8	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	5.1	---	---
2,300	65,200	1,660.3	1,658.0	1,595.1	EMPLOYMENT	997.3	994.4	955.3	2,900	42,000
5,300	65,800	1,613.7	1,608.4	1,547.9	Nonagricultural 5/	989.1	985.6	947.0	3,500	42,100
- 3,000	- 600	46.6	49.6	47.2	Agricultural	8.2	8.8	8.3	- 600	- 100
6,000	44,500	1,365.3	1,359.3	1,320.8	WAGE & SALARY 6/	883.3	879.2	851.5	4,100	31,800
					(by place of work)					
0	0	37.6	37.6	37.6	MINING	25.3	25.3	26.3	0	- 1,000
0	1,000	6.9	6.9	5.9	Metallic Minerals	4.0	4.0	3.5	0	500
- 100	600	5.4	5.5	4.8	Bituminous Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
100	- 1,600	25.3	25.2	26.9	Oil & Gas Extraction	20.5	20.5	22.0	0	- 1,500
600	2,200	89.9	89.3	87.7	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	52.5	52.2	52.3	300	200
300	- 1,200	24.2	23.9	25.4	General Building Contractors	13.2	13.3	14.6	- 100	- 1,400
- 200	1,200	15.0	15.2	13.8	Heavy Construction Contractors	7.4	7.2	7.0	200	400
600	2,400	50.8	50.2	48.4	Special Trade Contractors	31.9	31.7	30.7	200	1,200
1,900	9,200	191.8	189.9	182.6	MANUFACTURING	131.7	130.7	124.7	1,000	7,000
1,300	7,300	125.0	123.7	117.7	DURABLE	82.2	81.4	76.7	800	5,500
100	- 200	6.3	6.2	6.5	Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 100	0
0	500	10.1	10.1	9.6	Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products	7.3	7.3	7.0	0	300
400	1,400	15.4	15.0	14.0	Primary & Fabricated Metals	9.0	8.8	8.2	200	800
400	2,600	29.5	29.1	26.9	Machinery, except Electrical	19.3	19.0	17.7	300	1,600
200	1,100	20.0	19.8	18.9	Electric & Electronic Equipment	11.6	11.4	10.8	200	800
100	2,000	15.7	15.6	13.7	Transportation Equipment	14.1	14.1	12.4	0	1,700
300	- 100	28.1	27.8	28.2	Other Durable Goods	17.2	17.1	17.0	100	200
600	1,900	66.8	66.2	64.9	NONDURABLE GOODS	49.5	49.3	48.0	200	1,500
600	0	25.1	24.5	25.1	Food & Kindred Products	16.0	15.8	16.0	200	0
- 100	- 100	6.1	6.2	6.2	- Meat Products -	2.4	2.5	2.7	- 100	- 300
0	0	2.0	2.0	2.0	- Dairy Products -	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
600	100	16.9	16.3	16.8	- Other Food and Kindred Products -	12.0	11.8	11.9	200	100
100	300	3.3	3.2	3.0	Textiles & Apparel	2.6	2.5	2.3	100	300
0	100	2.2	2.2	2.1	Paper & Allied Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	100
100	900	19.8	19.7	18.9	Printing & Publishing	13.3	13.2	12.7	100	600
100	700	8.5	8.4	7.8	Chemical & Allied Products	8.2	8.2	7.5	0	700
- 200	- 100	8.0	8.2	8.1	Other Nondurable Goods	7.3	7.5	7.4	- 200	- 100
- 700	7,500	85.6	86.3	78.1	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	63.1	63.7	56.9	- 600	6,200
- 200	- 300	5.6	5.8	5.9	Railroad Transportation	2.8	3.0	3.1	- 200	- 300
0	400	17.1	17.1	16.7	Trucking & Warehousing	12.4	12.4	12.0	0	400
- 100	- 300	15.3	15.4	15.6	Air Transportation	14.7	14.8	14.9	- 100	- 200
0	200	6.8	6.8	6.6	Other Transportation	4.9	4.9	4.8	0	100
- 400	7,400	40.8	41.2	33.4	Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs.	28.3	28.6	22.2	- 300	6,100
2,600	9,900	338.7	336.1	328.8	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	214.0	213.0	208.1	1,000	5,900
- 100	1,000	79.9	80.0	78.9	WHOLESALE TRADE	61.2	61.3	60.5	- 100	700
2,700	8,900	258.8	256.1	249.9	RETAIL TRADE	152.7	151.7	147.6	1,000	5,100
600	2,500	28.3	27.7	25.8	General Merchandise Stores	19.1	18.6	17.2	500	1,900
100	1,900	37.3	37.2	35.4	Food Stores	22.0	21.9	21.0	100	1,000
0	600	28.5	28.5	27.9	Automotive Dealers & Gasoline Svc.Sta.	16.6	16.6	16.2	0	400
200	100	12.8	12.6	12.7	Apparel & Accessory Stores	7.8	7.8	8.0	0	- 200
1,300	3,500	100.5	99.2	97.0	Eating & Drinking Places	57.6	57.4	55.7	200	1,900
500	300	51.5	50.9	51.2	Other Retail Trade	29.6	29.4	29.7	200	- 100
100	2,100	89.3	89.2	97.2	FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	64.3	64.2	62.7	100	1,600
100	200	22.4	22.3	22.2	Banking	14.8	14.8	14.6	0	200
100	500	15.2	15.1	14.7	Credit Agencies Other than Banks	11.8	11.8	11.6	0	200
0	500	21.4	21.4	20.9	Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	16.5	16.4	16.1	100	400
0	400	22.7	22.7	22.3	Real Estate & Combination Offices	14.4	14.4	14.2	0	200
- 100	500	7.6	7.7	7.1	Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.8	6.8	6.3	0	500
3,000	11,300	303.0	300.0	291.7	SERVICES	203.9	200.8	194.2	3,100	9,700
600	900	27.2	26.6	26.3	Lodging & Comb. Lodging & Eating Places	12.8	12.4	11.6	400	1,200
400	400	25.1	24.7	24.7	- Hotels, Tourist Courts & Motels -	12.3	12.0	11.2	300	1,100
400	700	15.5	15.1	14.8	Personal Services	9.8	9.6	9.4	200	400
2,100	5,600	62.2	60.1	56.6	Business Services	49.4	47.3	44.9	2,100	4,500
100	400	14.9	14.8	14.5	Auto & Misc. Repair Services	10.0	9.9	9.7	100	300
- 300	- 600	18.1	18.4	18.7	Amusements & Recreation	10.8	11.1	10.7	- 300	100
500	900	76.2	75.7	75.3	Health Services	47.2	46.8	46.6	400	600
- 300	1,000	9.7	10.0	8.7	Educational Services	7.9	7.9	6.9	0	1,000
- 200	600	21.8	22.0	21.2	Membership Organizations	13.7	13.7	13.4	0	300
100	1,900	57.5	57.4	55.6	Other Services	42.2	42.1	41.0	100	1,200
- 1,700	2,100	229.2	230.9	227.1	GOVERNMENT	128.6	129.5	126.2	- 900	2,400
- 600	- 500	52.5	53.1	53.0	FEDERAL	33.3	33.8	33.3	- 500	0
- 900	800	50.8	51.7	50.0	STATE	30.2	30.7	28.8	- 400	1,500
- 1,000	600	31.2	32.2	30.5	Education	18.2	18.6	17.1	- 400	1,100
- 200	1,800	125.9	126.1	124.1	LOCAL	64.9	65.0	64.1	- 100	800
0	700	60.2	60.2	59.5	Education	32.4	32.8	32.0	- 400	400
200	- 8,100	0.2	0.0	8.3	LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.2	0.0	6.8	200	- 6,600

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor Force adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Labor Market Area includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month. 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonag. wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers, and labor disputants. 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding sum of individual items may not equal totals.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	AUGUST 1984 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	JULY 1984 REVISED TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6282	5842	440	7.0	--	6335	5879	456	7.2
ARCHULETA	1545	1414	131	8.5	--	1555	1421	134	8.6
BACA	2756	2672	84	3.0	--	2844	2726	118	4.1
BENT	2634	2507	127	4.8	--	2658	2550	108	4.1
CHAFFEE	6400	5927	473	7.4	--	6437	5922	515	8.0
CHEYENNE	1281	1233	48	3.7	--	1281	1258	23	1.8
CO.SPGS.SMSA	165791	157687	8104	4.9	--	165370	157156	8214	5.0
-EL PASO	161500	153696	7804	4.8	--	161086	153179	7907	4.9
-TELLER	4291	3991	300	7.0	--	4284	3977	307	7.2
CONEJOS	3108	2566	542	17.4	--	3186	2606	580	18.2
COSTILLA	1082	879	203	18.8	--	1101	890	211	19.2
CROWLEY	1210	1160	50	4.1	--	1238	1177	61	4.9
CUSTER	1206	1150	56	4.6	--	1227	1164	63	5.1
DELTA	9845	9075	770	7.8	--	10065	9189	876	8.7
DEN-BLDR LMA	1040013	997336	42677	4.1	--	1037721	994378	43343	4.2
-ADAMS	158288	150649	7639	4.8	--	157801	150203	7598	4.8
-ARAPAHOE	186361	179853	6508	3.5	--	185916	179320	6596	3.5
-BOULDER	121015	116152	4863	4.0	--	120869	115807	5062	4.2
-CLEAR CREEK	4678	4476	202	4.3	--	4687	4463	224	4.8
-DENVER	315475	301592	13883	4.4	--	315012	300697	14315	4.5
-DOUGLAS	15892	15407	485	3.1	--	15782	15361	421	2.7
-GILPIN	1571	1495	76	4.8	--	1557	1491	66	4.2
-JEFFERSON	236733	227712	9021	3.8	--	236097	227036	9061	3.8
DOLORES	887	854	33	3.7	--	894	862	32	3.6
EAGLE	12267	11687	580	4.7	--	12394	11665	729	5.9
ELBERT	2755	2567	188	6.8	--	2795	2613	182	6.5
FT.COLNS.SMSA	87559	83746	3813	4.4	--	87446	83701	3745	4.3
FREMONT	12995	12077	918	7.1	--	12945	11940	1005	7.8
GARFIELD	20150	18951	1199	6.0	--	20227	18944	1283	6.3
GRAND	7312	7125	187	2.6	--	7373	7130	243	3.3
GREELEY SMSA	67821	64774	3047	4.5	--	68578	65249	3329	4.9
GUNNISON	6446	6262	184	2.9	--	6546	6272	274	4.2
HINSDALE	238	230	8	3.4	--	237	232	5	2.1
HUERFANO	2969	2749	220	7.4	--	3000	2762	238	7.9
JACKSON	863	838	25	2.9	--	886	844	42	4.7
KIOWA	891	886	5	.6	--	923	913	10	1.1
KIT CARSON	4349	4250	99	2.3	--	4407	4323	84	1.9
LAKE	2995	2694	301	10.1	--	3031	2686	345	11.4
LA PLATA	17097	16219	878	5.1	--	17181	16246	935	5.4
LAS ANIMAS	6018	5466	552	9.2	--	6128	5592	536	8.7
LINCOLN	2670	2622	48	1.8	--	2697	2654	43	1.6
LOGAN	11125	10616	509	4.6	--	11168	10679	489	4.4
MESA	48665	44608	4057	8.3	--	48954	44559	4395	9.0
MINERAL	699	673	26	3.7	--	689	671	18	2.6
MOFFAT	8206	7510	696	8.5	--	8309	7531	778	9.4
MONTEZUMA	7717	6983	734	9.5	--	7857	6999	858	10.9
MONTROSE	11782	10787	995	8.4	--	11896	10846	1050	8.8
MORGAN	13447	12743	704	5.2	--	13567	12855	712	5.2
OTERO	9845	9293	552	5.6	--	9578	8944	634	6.6
OURAY	550	462	88	16.0	--	557	472	85	15.3
PARK	2205	2048	157	7.1	--	2203	2055	148	6.7
PHILLIPS	2237	2179	58	2.6	--	2286	2223	63	2.8
PITKIN	8884	8552	332	3.7	--	8931	8575	356	4.0
PROWERS	8555	8133	422	4.9	--	8628	8185	443	5.1
PUEBLO SMSA	49399	44933	4466	9.0	--	49383	44919	4464	9.0
RIO BLANCO	4120	3898	222	5.4	--	4149	3919	230	5.5
RIO GRANDE	6318	5652	666	10.5	--	6355	5700	655	10.3
ROUTT	14001	13402	599	4.3	--	13942	13187	755	5.4
SAGUACHE	2397	1990	407	17.0	--	2482	2031	451	18.2
SAN JUAN	703	672	31	4.4	--	713	671	42	5.9
SAN MIGUEL	1930	1852	78	4.0	--	1959	1851	108	5.5
SEDGWICK	1519	1463	56	3.7	--	1559	1496	63	4.0
SUMMIT	21116	20671	445	2.1	--	21075	20724	351	1.7
WASHINGTON	2876	2792	84	2.9	--	2973	2862	111	3.7
YUMA	5141	4981	160	3.1	--	5222	5071	151	2.9
STATE TOTAL	1742872	1660338	82534	4.7	--	1743141	1657969	85172	4.9

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

AUGUST 1983 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6491	6082	409	6.3
ARCHULETA	1511	1372	139	9.2
BACA	2714	2625	89	3.3
BENT	2593	2482	111	4.3
CHAFFEE	6342	5693	649	10.2
CHEYENNE	1233	1207	26	2.1
CO. SPGS. SMSA	158116	149200	8916	5.6
--EL PASO	154138	145424	8714	5.7
--TELLER	3978	3776	202	5.1
CONEJOS	3018	2507	511	16.9
COSTILLA	1010	855	155	15.3
CROWLEY	1210	1135	75	6.2
CUSTER	1179	1119	60	5.1
DELTA	9635	8801	834	8.7
DEN-BLDR LMA	1006617	955347	51270	5.1
--ADAMS	153704	144307	9397	6.1
--ARAPAHOE	180081	172281	7800	4.3
--BOULDER	117086	111262	5824	5.0
--CLEAR CREEK	4818	4288	530	11.0
--DENVER	304874	288894	15980	5.2
--DOUGLAS	15310	14758	552	3.6
--GILPIN	1540	1432	108	7.0
--JEFFERSON	229204	218125	11079	4.8
DOLORES	897	831	66	7.4
EAGLE	11269	10367	902	8.0
ELBERT	2697	2517	180	6.7
FT. COLLINS SMSA	86481	82324	4157	4.8
FREMONT	12898	11848	1050	8.1
GARFIELD	19958	18277	1681	8.4
GRAND	7240	6881	359	5.0
GREELEY SMSA	67289	63626	3663	5.4
GUNNISON	6118	5835	283	4.6
HINSDALE	228	223	5	2.2
HUERFANO	2883	2655	228	7.9
JACKSON	847	812	35	4.1
KIOWA	896	874	22	2.5
KIT CARSON	4295	4150	145	3.4
LAKE	2822	2203	619	21.9
LA PLATA	16839	15826	1013	6.0
LAS ANIMAS	6392	5316	1076	16.8
LINCOLN	2670	2558	112	4.2
LOGAN	10849	10357	492	4.5
MESA	48380	43415	4965	10.3
MINERAL	689	638	51	7.4
MOFFAT	8104	7344	760	9.4
MONTEZUMA	7246	6767	479	6.6
MONTROSE	11512	10547	965	8.4
MORGAN	13554	12698	856	6.3
OTERO	9850	8888	962	9.8
OURAY	532	452	80	15.0
PARK	2158	1975	183	8.5
PHILLIPS	2213	2139	74	3.3
PITKIN	8705	8316	389	4.5
PROWERS	8282	7859	423	5.1
PUEBLO SMSA	48656	42368	6288	12.9
RIO BLANCO	4124	3845	279	6.8
RIO GRANDE	6135	5490	645	10.5
ROUTT	14356	13573	783	5.5
SAGUACHE	2299	1945	354	15.4
SAN JUAN	658	633	25	3.8
SAN MIGUEL	1914	1791	123	6.4
SEDGWICK	1414	1352	62	4.4
SUMMIT	19999	19528	471	2.4
WASHINGTON	2849	2743	106	3.7
YUMA	5038	4883	155	3.1
STATE TOTAL	1693904	1595094	98810	5.8

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983
CONSTRUCTION	$514.01	$513.10	$520.87	39.6	39.5	39.4	$12.98	$12.99	$13.22
MANUFACTURING	$380.66	$382.01	$361.80	40.8	40.9	40.2	$ 9.33	$ 9.34	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	$394.00	$395.37	$372.91	41.3	41.4	40.8	$ 9.54	$ 9.55	$ 9.14
Nondurable Goods	$359.70	$360.50	$345.05	40.1	40.1	39.3	$ 8.97	$ 8.99	$ 8.78

DENVER-BOULDER LMA 4/

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 2/ 1984	JUL 3/ 1984	AUG 1983
CONSTRUCTION	$537.14	$536.58	$540.54	39.7	39.6	39.0	$13.53	$13.55	$13.86
MANUFACTURING	$395.20	$395.20	$375.20	40.7	40.7	40.0	$ 9.71	$ 9.71	$ 9.38
Durable Goods	$398.82	$398.82	$377.17	41.2	41.2	40.6	$ 9.68	$ 9.68	$ 9.29
Nondurable Goods	$389.60	$390.40	$372.96	40.0	40.0	39.3	$ 9.74	$ 9.76	$ 9.49

1/ Averages, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson counties.

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

	COLORADO 1/			DENVER AREA		
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983
Initial Claims	10,826	10,938	14,816	5,499	5,401	7,573
Continued Claims	96,436	96,024	141,086	47,767 2/	47,517 2/	69,718 2/
Number of Benefit Payments	71,053	71,914	112,068	31,873	32,746	53,570
Amount of Benefits Paid	$ 9,660,325	$ 9,794,379	$16,475,659	$4,659,234	$4,795,193	$8,150,590
Benefit Funds Available	$37,652,814 3/	$27,619,311	($4,268,826)	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	N/A	11,381	14,064	N/A	N/A	6,153
Nonagricultural Placements	N/A	6,519	9,103	N/A	N/A	2,988
Agricultural Placements	N/A	573	1,091	N/A	N/A	531

1/ The Colorado statewide totals for number and amount of benefit payments include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

2/ Does not include count of claims made by Colorado unemployed whose benefits are a result of employment in another state.

3/ Current loan outstanding as a result of previous borrowing from the federal government is $62,344,457. N/A Not available at press time.

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS *

July 1984 - In Thousands

	United States 1/	Colorado 1/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	116,198	1,743.1	1,375.7	472.2	418.4	623.7	705.8	262.1
Unemployment	8,714	85.2	68.8	30.3	31.0	46.3	42.6	13.5
Unemployment Rate	7.5	4.9	5.0	6.4	7.4	7.4	6.0	5.2
Total Employment	107,484	1,657.9	1,306.9	441.9	387.4	577.4	663.2	248.6

* Estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Revised.